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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
 (Regular application claiming foreign priority)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:  
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For: **DEVICE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from 1) Japanese Application No. 2003-51106, filed on February 27, 2003; and 2) Japanese Application No. 2004-48989, filed on February 25, 2004.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 39 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract (in Japanese)  
☒ 11 Sheets of Drawings (formal, in Japanese)  
☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
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☒ Priority based on 1) Japanese Application No. 2003-51106, filed on February 27, 2003; and  
2) Japanese Application No. 2004-48989, filed on February 25, 2004, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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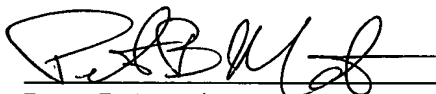
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